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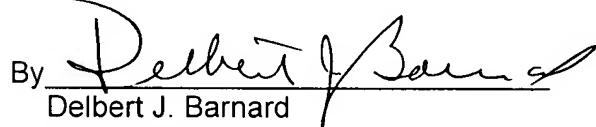
This Preliminary Amendment adds three new claims, bringing the total number of claims in the case to seventeen, two of which are independent claims. The remaining fifteen claims are defendant claims.

It is submitted that all of the claims in this application are allowable over the prior art. Accordingly, early consideration and allowance of this application are requested.

The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any further government fees required for filing the above-identified documents to Deposit Account No. 02-0915. Two duplicate copies of this letter are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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